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Subject Richardson past costs settlement - Small correction

John,

I just caught a small mistake on page one of decree I just emailed to you. In paragraph B, it should read ". . . (Noranda Mining Inc. or "Settling Defendant"" I have made this change, and I am attaching corrected version below.

Mark

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, CENTRAL DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	:	
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<i>Plaintiff,</i>	:	
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v.	:	Civil Action No.
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UNITED PARK CITY MINES COMPANY;	:	
ATLANTIC RICHFIELD COMPANY; and	:	
NORANDA MINING INC.	:	
	:	
<i>Defendants.</i>	:	
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PARTIAL CONSENT DECREE

I. BACKGROUND

A. The United States of America ("United States"), on behalf of the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), filed a complaint in this matter pursuant to Section 107 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, as amended ("CERCLA"), seeking reimbursement of costs incurred for response actions taken at or in connection with the release or threatened release of hazardous substances at the Richardson Flat Tailings Site located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Park City, Utah ("the Site").

B. The defendant that has entered into this Consent Decree (Noranda Mining Inc. or "Settling Defendant") does not admit any liability to Plaintiff arising out of the transactions or occurrences alleged in the complaint.

C. By entering into this Consent Decree, the mutual objective of the Parties is to resolve the claims of the United States against Settling Defendant for Past Response Costs, subject to reservations of rights in Paragraph 14, by allowing Settling Defendant to make a cash payment as described herein.

D. The United States and Settling Defendant agree, and this Court by entering this Consent Decree finds, that this Consent Decree has been negotiated by the Parties in good faith, that settlement of this matter will avoid prolonged and complicated litigation between the Parties, and that this Consent Decree is fair, reasonable, and in the public interest.

THEREFORE, with the consent of the Parties to this Decree, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED:

II. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1345 and 42 U.S.C. §§ 9607 and 9613(b) and also has personal jurisdiction over Settling Defendant. Solely for the purposes of this Consent Decree and the underlying complaint, Settling Defendant waives all objections and defenses that it may have to jurisdiction of the Court or to venue in this District. Settling Defendant shall not challenge the terms of this Consent Decree or this Court's jurisdiction to enter and enforce this Consent Decree.

III. PARTIES BOUND

2. This Consent Decree is binding upon the United States and upon Settling Defendant and its successors and assigns. Any change in ownership or corporate or other legal status, including but not limited to, any transfer of assets or real or personal property, shall in no way alter the status or responsibilities of Settling Defendant under this Consent Decree.

IV. DEFINITIONS

3. Unless otherwise expressly provided herein, terms used in this Consent Decree that are defined in CERCLA or in regulations promulgated under CERCLA shall have the meanings assigned to them in CERCLA or in such regulations. Whenever terms listed below are used in this Consent Decree or in any appendix attached hereto, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. "CERCLA" shall mean the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, 42 U.S.C. § 9601, *et seq.*
- b. "Consent Decree" shall mean this Consent Decree.
- c. "Day" shall mean a calendar day. In computing any period of time under this Consent Decree, where the last day would fall on a Saturday, Sunday, or federal holiday, the period shall run until the close of business of the next working day.
- d. "DOJ" shall mean the United States Department of Justice and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- e. "EPA" shall mean the United States Environmental Protection Agency and any successor departments, agencies or instrumentalities of the United States.
- f. "EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund" shall mean the Hazardous Substance Superfund established by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 9507.

g. "Interest" shall mean interest at the rate specified for interest on investments of the EPA Hazardous Substance Superfund established by 26 U.S.C. § 9507, compounded annually on October 1 of each year, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. § 9607(a). The applicable rate of interest shall be the rate in effect at the time the interest accrues. The rate of interest is subject to change on October 1 of each year.

h. "Paragraph" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by an Arabic numeral or an upper or lower case letter.

i. "Parties" shall mean the United States and Settling Defendant.

j. "Past Response Costs" shall mean all costs, including but not limited to direct and indirect costs, that EPA or DOJ on behalf of EPA has paid at or in connection with the Site through March 1, 2006, plus accrued Interest on all such costs through such date.

k. "Plaintiff" shall mean the United States.

l. "Section" shall mean a portion of this Consent Decree identified by a Roman numeral.

m. "Settling Defendant" shall mean Noranda Mining Inc., its affiliate Falconbridge Limited, and their successors and assigns.

n. "Site" shall mean the Richardson Flat Tailings Site, CERCLIS ID # UTD980952840, which is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Park City, Utah and is part of a 650-acre property owned by United Park City Mines Company ("UPCM"). The Site is the location of a mine tailings impoundment that covers approximately 160 acres in the northwest corner of UPCM's property and includes diversion ditches, wetlands and other features. The Site is depicted generally on the map attached as Appendix A.

o. "United States" shall mean the United States of America, including its departments, agencies and instrumentalities.

V. PAYMENT OF RESPONSE COSTS

4. Payment of Past Response Costs to EPA. Within five business days after Settling Defendant receives notice from the United States that this Consent Decree has been lodged, Settling Defendant shall deposit \$60,000 into an escrow account bearing interest on commercially reasonable terms, in a federally-chartered bank (the "Escrow Account"). If the Consent Decree is not entered by the Court, and the time for any appeal of that decision has run or if the Court's denial of entry is upheld on appeal, the monies placed in escrow, together with accrued interest thereon, shall be returned to Settling Defendant. If the Consent Decree is

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THE UNDERSIGNED PARTY enters into this Consent Decree in the matter of United States v. United Park City Mines Co., et al., relating to the Richardson Flat Tailings Site.

FOR DEFENDANT NORANDA MINING INC.

Date: _____

[Names and titles of Defendant's signatories]

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